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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A bottle support system stand for holding a water bottle for convenient and neat dispensing of water to a pet comprising, in combination;

a liquid dispensing bottle having a preferably cylindrical body portion adapted to be a reservoir for a liquid with a first end and a second end, the first end having a screwably coupled dispensing apparatus being angularly disposed from the body, the dispensing apparatus having a tube with a pet/animal activated mechanism adapted to release a portion of the retained liquid upon activation thereof;

a support base having a lower horizontal rectangular supplemental plate with a first face and a second face, the second face having four pads in corners of the lower horizontal rectangular supplemental plate, the support base also having a vertical member with an upper edge, lower edge, inner face and outer face, with the lower edge being perpendicularly coupled to the first face of the horizontal rectangular plate, the vertical member having a handle aperture adjacent to the upper edge of the

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vertical member, the vertical member also being adapted to have various decorative indicia thereon; and

a bottle retaining brace including a horizontal resting plate coupled to the inner face of the vertical member of the support base, the resting plate having a receiving end with a recess, an annular recess within the cylindrical recess, the receiving end of the resting plate having a semilunar recess adjacent to an exposed edge, such that both the cylindrical recess and the annular recess coincide with the semilunar recess allowing the first end of the dispensing bottle to reside within the resting plate to preclude lateral movement and with the dispensing apparatus passing through the annular recess, the bottle retaining brace having a horizontal support member coupled to the inner face of the vertical member of the support base at a position superior to the resting plate being of a size smaller than the horizontal resting plate, the support member having a cylindrical aperture adapted to receive the bottle and a slot to facilitate the removal from and placement of the bottle to the dispensing apparatus.

2. (Currently Amended) A support system stand for a liquid dispensing bottle having a dispensing apparatus being angularly disposed from the body, the dispensing apparatus having a tube with a pet/animal activated mechanism, comprising;

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a support base having a supplemental lower plate and a vertical member with an upper edge, lower edge, inner face and outer face, the lower edge of the vertical member being coupled to the supplemental lower plate; and

a bottle retaining brace including a horizontal resting plate adjustably coupled to the vertical member of the support base, the resting plate having a receiving end with a first recess, an annular recess within the first recess, the receiving end of the resting plate having a semilunar recess adjacent to an exposed edge, such that both the cylindrical recess and the annular recess coincide with the semilunar recess, the bottle retaining brace having a horizontal support member coupled to the vertical member of the support base at a position superior to the resting plate.

3. (Original) The support system stand as set forth in claim 2 wherein the vertical member of the support base is decorated with indicia and adapted to hold a plurality of bottle retaining braces, the horizontal support member of the bottle retaining brace having an aperture adapted to receive the bottle and further having a slot on an outer edge thereof.

4. (Original) The support system stand as set forth in claim 2 wherein the support base is decorated to resemble a house with the upper edge of the vertical member having a pair of eaves

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and a peak, the bottle retaining brace having a first wall and a second wall, and the horizontal support member being pivotally couple-able to the first wall, such that the horizontal support member forms a removable roof over the bottle.

5. (Original) The support system stand as set forth in claim 2 wherein the vertical member of the support base has a pair of telescoping cylinders each with a plurality of apertures and a spring loaded retention mechanism associated with the apertures, such that the height of the support system is adjustable.

6. (Original) The support system stand as set forth in claim 2 wherein the bottle retaining brace is an insulated container with a pivotable lid, a first face and a second face, the first face having a rectangular aperture and the second face having a pair of pins adapted to couple with a pair of retaining slots on the vertical member of the support base, such that the bottle retaining brace is removable.

7. (Original) The support system stand as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the supplemental lower plate is rectangular and horizontally oriented.

8. (Original) The support system stand as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the vertical member has lower vertical supporting plates secured to the sides of the vertical support.

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9. (Original) A support system stand for holding a water bottle for convenient and neat dispensing of water to a pet comprising, in combination;

a liquid dispensing bottle having a generally cylindrical body portion adapted to be a reservoir for a liquid with a first end and a second end, the first end having a screwably coupled dispensing apparatus angularly disposed from the body, the dispensing apparatus having a tube with a pet/animal activated mechanism adapted to release a portion of the retained liquid upon activation thereof;

a support base having a rectangular horizontal plate with a lower face and an upper face and a front edge and a rear edge and an intermediate portion there between, the support base also having a vertical support member with an upper edge and lower edge with inner face and outer face, with the lower edge being perpendicularly coupled to the intermediate portion of the upper face of the horizontal plate, and

a bottle retaining member positioned beneath at least a portion of the first end of the bottle and adapted to receive and support the bottle adjacent to the outer face of the vertical support member, the bottle retaining member coupling the bottle to the vertical support member at any one of a plurality of elevational heights with respect to the horizontal plate with the

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entire tube facing away from the vertical support member and spaced from the vertical support member a distance essentially equal to the bottle.

10. (Original) The support system stand as set forth in Claim 9 wherein the bottle retaining member is an essentially horizontally disposed plate having an upper surface for receiving the first end of the bottle, the plate having an annular recess for allowing the passage of the dispensing apparatus.

11. (Original) The support system stand as set forth in Claim 10 and further including a horizontal support member receiving the bottle at a location above the bottle retaining member.

12. (Original) A support system stand as set forth in Claim 9 wherein the system further comprises:

a vertical support member having a plurality of pairs of mounting holes there through, the pairs arranged in a vertical line and separated by a first distance;

a dietary device retaining member comprising a vertical backing member having a forward face and a rearward face, and two parallel horizontal holding members with one of the holding members being above the other, the holding members being perpendicular to the backing member and coupled to the forward face of the vertical backing member with the holding members each

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having an opening there through for receiving a dietary device there into, the rear face of the backing member having more than one threaded studs coupled thereto, the studs protruding in a rearward direction and having a first distance separating the studs so as to allow the coupling of the dietary device retaining member to the vertical support member; and

 a plurality of wing nuts sized to mate with and be received by the studs to allow for a removable coupling of the dietary device retaining member to the vertical support member.

13. (Original) A support system stand as set forth in Claim 12 wherein the dietary device is a bowl for food and the lower holding member is solid with no hole there through, the lower holding member providing support for the bowl.

14. (Original) A support system stand as set forth in Claim 12 wherein the dietary device is a water bottle, with the dietary device retaining member also comprising a bottle block, the bottle block having an upper surface and a lower surface and a rear edge and a beveled front edge, the front edge contacting the bottle and retaining it in the openings of the holding members.